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Subject: Draft White-Tailed Deer Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement
Catoctin Mountain Park, Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland. CEQ No
20060486

Dear Ms. Swauger:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject document. The purpose of the EIS is to develop a deer management plan that supports forest regeneration, and provides for long-term protection, conservation and restoration of native species and cultural landscapes

Based on our review we rate this DEIS, Lack of Objections (LO). A description of our rating system can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/comments/ratings.html>. However we recommend that you coordinate with the appropriate state and federal agencies regarding threatened and endangered species and other species of concern annually at a minimum. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Okorn at (215)814-3330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Arguto", is written over a horizontal line.

William Arguto,
NEPA Team Leader

